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In re Patent Application of : )  
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Serial No.: 09/750,317 ) Examiner: Unknown  
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Filed: December 29, 2000 )

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ENABLING STATISTICAL MATCHING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

IN THE BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2, at line 11, please delete "on" and insert in its place --and--.

IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

On page 28, at line 20, please delete "of" and insert --using--.

On page 28, at line 25, please delete "<key0-[12]." and insert --^key00[12].--.

On page 28, at line 26, please delete "key 001" and insert --"key001"--.

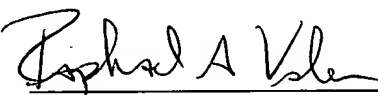
On page 28, at line 26, please delete "key 002." and insert --"key002."--.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such disposition is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference or interview would advance prosecution of this application in any manner, the undersigned stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. In the event that it is determined that a fee is due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account number 50-0206.

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